









## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

**MAILS EXPECTED**

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and O. steamer *Cowick*, with American mail of the 19th ultimo, will Yokohama on the 10th, and may be seen here on or about the 16th instant.

**POST-OFFICE NOTICES**

The authorized List of Mails in connection with this paper is the one published under the name of the Post Office, which is corrected to a much later hour than that below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Shanghai—*Per Ningpo*, to-day, 8 o'clock instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow—*Donghai*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai—*To-day*, the 15th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Manila—*Per Elcano*, to-morrow, 8 o'clock instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Manila—*Per Diamante*, on Saturday, the 17th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and London—*Glendora*, on Monday, the 19th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements—*Per Venice*, on Friday, the 20th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

Shanghai.—To-day, the 15th inst.

1.30 p.m.  
 For Manila.—Per *Elcano*, to-morrow, the 17th instant, at 1.30 p.m.  
 For Manila.—Per *Diamante*, on Saturday, the 17th instant, at 3.30 p.m.  
 For Straits Settlements and London.—Per *Glenfinlas*, on Monday, the 19th instant, at 2.30 p.m.  
 For Straits Settlements.—Per *Venice*, on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

except the night box, which is a  
at of office hours.

MONDAY  
10 A.M., Post Office opens.  
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Postage  
all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters  
11:10 P.M., Letters may be posted with Late  
of 10 cents until  
11:30 A.M., when the Post Office closes outside  
10:40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on  
the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents  
time of departure.  
THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE  
P.M., Money Order Office closes.  
P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Postage  
all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters  
10 P.M., Letters may be posted with  
Fee of 10 cents until

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**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**

The United States' Mail Packet "OCEAN" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, which will be closed as follows:—

1.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

3.0 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (as for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West I.

the Bahamas and Hayti), Monto V  
and Umanay, cannot be sent b

REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LOCAL AND INTERCOLONIAL MONEY ORDERS.

1.—The Post Office of Hongkong is the only place where Money Orders on the Empire of Japan, the Colonies of the South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Western Darwin, the Straits Settlements, and the Western Australian Colonies, can be obtained.

2.—Money Orders may also be obtained at the British Post Office, Shanghai, on any of the above places except Japan.

3.—The exchange of Local Money Orders between Hongkong and Shanghai continues to be carried out as before, subject to the rates laid down in the Regulations.

Commission to be charged as

Money Orders named above is follows:

1.—For a sum not exceeding \$5 or \$25. 25 Cts.

2.—For a sum exceeding \$5, or \$25 to \$50. 50 Cts.

3.—No Order must exceed \$10, or \$50.

4.—All more than two such Orders be issued to same person, in favor of the same payee or to same mail.

5.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted to any other Port in China, by means of a Post Office Stamp, subject to a charge of one Cent for cashing them.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAIL LETTERS.

1.—Privates in U.S. Army or Navy, 1st or 2d Class, or in U.S. Marine Corps, or in U.S. Commissioned Officers' or U.S. Ensigns' or U.S. Subalterns' or U.S. Lieutenants' or U.S. Captains' or U.S. Majors' or U.S. Colonels' or U.S. Generals' or U.S. Admirals' or U.S. Vice Admirals' or U.S. Commodores' or U.S. Commanders' or U.S. Masters' or U.S. Surgeons' or U.S. Surgeons' or U.S. Physicians' or U.S. Apothecaries' or U.S. Chaplains' or U.S. Clergymen' or U.S. Ministers' or U.S. Teachers' or U.S. Schoolmasters' or U.S. Schoolmistresses may send half-price letters to

Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marse

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned officers named above.

3.—All such letters prepaid at the former rate of two cents (one penny) will be forwarded to the United Kingdom by private steamers, and not by the mail packets.

4.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days, and are from seven weeks on the voyage.

letters must not exceed half an ounce.

on with the ends open.

11—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class description must be stated in full on the letter cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full.

12—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

13—Soldiers and Sailors have no privilege with regard to books or papers, nor can these be paid with Imperial Stamps.

Warrant Officers, viz.:—Assistant  
er, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West Police Station (opposite the Sail Office), and another at the South front of the Harbour Department.

The hours of clearance are as follow :—

	A.M.	P.M.
1st	7.0	4.0
2nd	7.0	4.0
3rd	7.0	4.0
4th	7.0	4.0
5th	7.0	4.0
6th	7.0	4.0
7th	7.0	4.0
8th	7.0	4.0
9th	7.0	4.0
10th	7.0	4.0
11th	7.0	4.0
12th	7.0	4.0
13th	7.0	4.0
14th	7.0	4.0
15th	7.0	4.0
16th	7.0	4.0
17th	7.0	4.0
18th	7.0	4.0
19th	7.0	4.0
20th	7.0	4.0
21st	7.0	4.0
22nd	7.0	4.0
23rd	7.0	4.0
24th	7.0	4.0
25th	7.0	4.0
26th	7.0	4.0
27th	7.0	4.0
28th	7.0	4.0
29th	7.0	4.0
30th	7.0	4.0
31st	7.0	4.0

Department	10.00	2.00	4
Department	10.15	2.15	4

... arrive at the Post Office 10.30<sup>am</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1997. The correspondence of all kinds posted in either direction before the first clearance on mail day will be sent before the Homeward Mail. All correspondence for Hongkong will be delivered the same day. Residents who keep a postage account with the Post Office may post local correspondence in boxes without stamps, provided the sender's name or recognised device appears on each item. Local correspondence means that for Hong Kong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China.

ing at this hour will be kept open  
for arrivals from the Pillar Boxes.

**STAMP OFFICE.**  
The above Office being now provided with the die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipts can also be stamped if required.

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When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not carrying a mail, it is only necessary to place the letters in the ordinary way, marking the name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents half ounce as usual. This Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is required that the letters be posted if possible one day before the date fixed for sailing.



